

The Board of County Commissioners convened in regular workshop session on this Tuesday, September 15, 2009, at Bushnell, Sumter County, Florida, with the following members present to wit: Richard Hoffman, District No. 1; Douglas Gilpin, Vice Chairman, District No. 2; Don Burgess, District No. 3; Garry Breeden, Chairman, District No. 4; and Randy Mask, 2nd Vice Chairman, District No. 5. The following individuals were also present and acting in their respective official capacities: Bradley Arnold, County Administrator; John Lege, Finance Director; Melissa Elliott, Deputy Clerk; and Connie Webb, Deputy Clerk. The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Chairman Breeden, with the invocation given by Commissioner Mask, followed by the flag salute which was led by Vice Chairman Gilpin.

### **1. Mr. Jon Cherry - LifeStream Behavioral Center - Mental Health Substance Abuse Strategic Plan**

Mr. Cherry appeared on behalf of the Public Safety Coordinating Council of Sumter County. The purpose of this Council over the last nine months has been to prepare a strategic plan for treatment of individuals with mental illness in local jails and continued treatment upon their release. Mr. Cherry explained the five short term goals of the Florida Criminal Justice, Mental Health and Substance Abuse (CJMHSA) Reinvestment Act Strategic Plan for Sumter County Jail Diversion of the Mentally Ill. The short term goals are: (1) create a structure and process for planning and evaluation; (2) divert individuals from jails to services via a mental health diversion court; (3) expand Crisis Intervention Training (CIT) opportunities for Sumter County; (4) enhance the ability of the jail to provide more effective and useful mental health; and (5) enhance the discharge planning from the jail for persons with mental illness. The long term goals are: (1) implement a mini Assertive Community Treatment (ACT) team; and (2) increase the number of Substance Abuse and Mental Health (SAMH) beds in the community.

Captain Tom Moffitt explained that inmates with mental health issues are among the most expensive to care for. Ten to 15 percent of the inmates at the Sumter County Jail are receiving some sort of counseling or medication for mental health issues.

Mr. Arnold will have this item on the September 29th agenda for consideration.

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### **2. Discussion of City of Wildwood Naming Request**

The Board discussed the request from the City of Wildwood to consider incorporating Wildwood into the name of the new library at CR 139 and C-466A. Mr. Arnold will have this item on the September 29 agenda for consideration.

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**ADJOURN**

<p>Commissioner Hoffman moved, with a second by Commissioner Burgess, to adjourn at 5:50 p.m. The motion carried unanimously 5 - 0.</p>
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